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Deadlines For Part I of the SY 2011-12 CSPR Next Week

Part I of the SY 2011-12 CSPR is open through 5:00 p.m. EST on Thursday, December 20, 2012. In order to comply with that certification deadline, all ESS files used to populate the CSPR must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. EST the previous day, December 19.

NOTE: This is the first year that the IDEA Assessment data deadline is the same as the CSPR file submission deadline. **In order to comply with the IDEA Federal statute, this is a hard deadline. File submissions after 5:00 on Wednesday, December 19 will not be included in your certification of Part I.** If your state does not submit files that pre-fill sections of the CSPR containing FATAL FLAW errors, you will be required to submit a request to ED via PSC for force certification of Part I.

New! School Improvement Grants Webinar Will Be Held On December 18, 2012

The Office of School Turnaround (OST) will be hosting a webinar on Tuesday, December 18th at 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time to discuss the upcoming public release of SIG leading indicator data planned for January 2013 and how it impacts states. In addition, OST will provide guidance on submitting SY2011-12 data and discuss common data quality issues. To register for the Webinar please click on the following link:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/274436425>

New! NCES Webinar For SY 2012-13 Submissions Will Be Held On January 9

The CCD team at NCES will host a webinar for state submitters on January 9, 2013. During this webinar NCES will discuss the 2012-13 collection year schedule as well as data quality concerns and practices aimed at improving the timeliness and quality of the CCD items. It will also provide an opportunity for SEA respondents and stakeholders to ask questions and voice concerns regarding the 2012-13 collection year. Please note the special time this webinar will take place is: 2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. To register for the Webinar please click on the following link:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/289885561>

New! SY2008-09 C032 and C040 Files Released For Updates and Corrections

Due to some data quality errors identified recently, NCES has planned an update to the 2008-09 state dropout and completer data release. Please take the opportunity through the end of January to update and correct any data in EDFacts on the 032 and 040 file specs such that we can include the most up-to-date data possible in our updated release. NCES will not accept any changes following the end of January and will subsequently release a FINAL version of the CCD state level dropout and completer data. This includes data affecting dropout rates and the Average Freshmen Graduation Rate (AFGR).

New! 30-Day Public Comment Period Opens for Three-Year EDFacts Clearance Request

The notice of the 30-day comment period for the proposed Annual Mandatory Collection of Elementary and Secondary Education Data through EDFacts for school years 2013-14, 2014-15, and 2015-16 has been published in the Federal Register. To review the proposed collection, go to www.regulations.gov and search on "ED-2012-ICCD-0063." (If that doesn't work, search on 0063 and the EDFacts collections should come up on a list.) **The deadline for submitting comments is January 11, 2013.** For assistance in using the regulations.gov website, click on the "How to Use Regulations.gov" under "Help" at the bottom of the screen. You will find general guidance plus contact information for support at that link. See below for tips on how to access, review, and comment on the EDFacts package.

Based on comments received during the 60-day public comment period, several revisions were made to the proposed collection, including:

- ED will not be collecting the proposed data groups of Directly Certified Students or FRPL Lunches Served
- The proposed data groups for LEA Tuition-in and LEA Tuition-out data groups have been significantly revised (new names and new definitions)
- A more thorough explanation of the proposed Grade 13 permitted value and its anticipated use is included in Attachment E, beginning on page E-22.

Also, please be aware that following the 60-day public comment period, additional changes were requested by program offices in order to (1) streamline collections, (2) align with other collection instruments (e.g. the CSPR), or (3) improve ED's use of the data. These changes are explained in Part Two of Attachment C, and include:

- Collecting data on all schools for data groups that were formerly collected only for Tier I and Tier II SIG schools to allow for better data use by ED
- Streamlining the N or D collection of data related to long term students
- Adding a data group to collect Title I Allocations to be used to prepopulate the CSPR in the section on Parental Involvement Reservation
- Splitting DG694 into two data groups for better management and use of the data by ED

Finally, we received a comment from a non-profit organization requesting the collection of a student subgroup for military connected data. We indicated in our response that ED welcomes further input on the proposed subgroup, including comments on the potential burden on schools and LEAs to collect, manage, and report the data. The comment and ED's response are included on page E-31 of Attachment E.

How to Review the Package

Access the "Annual Mandatory Collection of Elementary and Secondary Education Data through EDFacts" package by going to www.regulations.gov and searching on "ED-2012-ICCD-0063." You will find the B attachments (which contain the full data set) by clicking on Forms and Instructions. Once there, Attachment B1, which includes information on the collection of Directory data (including the new Charter Authorizer elements and Virtual School Status), can be viewed by clicking on "View Document." The other B attachments are listed by name. (B2 contains general information on EDFacts, B3 contains the data groups, B4 contains the categories, and B5 contains the two IDEA table collections through EMAPS.) To view

Attachments C and E, return to the main screen for the *EDFacts* package and click on “Supporting Statements.” Attachment C outlines all of the proposed changes, including revisions made based on the 60-day public comment period. Attachment E summarizes comments received during the 60-day public comment period and ED’s responses to those comments.

How to Comment

Comments may be submitted at www.regulations.gov, or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or e-mail and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.*

To make comments using www.regulations.gov, search on “ED-2012-ICCD-0063” to access the “Annual Mandatory Collection of Elementary and Secondary Education Data through *EDFacts*” package. Click on “Comment Now!” on the right hand side. Required fields for submitting comments are “Category,” located on the left side of the Comment screen near the bottom, and the Comment box.

Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, LBJ, Room 2E117, Washington, D.C. 20202-4537. The deadline for comments is January 11, 2013.

New! Due Date For Flexibility Files Is March 31, 2013

The due date for the SY 2011-12 Flexibility Files is March 31, 2013. As soon as the file specs are available, PSC will notify states. Submission of the file specs is planned for enabling in early March. The files that are due on March 31, 2013 include:

- C171 — Academic Achievement – Flexibility Subgroups
- C172 — Assessment Participation – Flexibility Subgroups
- C173 — Status – Flexibility Subgroups
- C174 — Graduation Rates – Flexibility Subgroups
- C177 — Cohorts for Graduation Rates – Flexibility Subgroups
- C183 — Title I Allocations – Flexibility File

NEW! CSPR Policy Webinars in January

In January, PSC will be continuing to host a series of CSPR-related policy webinars for individual ED program offices. The webinars in January will cover Part II data. They will be roughly a half hour in duration and cover changes or policy specific information for the program offices.

The first webinar will focus on graduation rate data (section 2.11) and the lists of schools and districts (section 2.12). It will be held on January 9, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., EST. To register for the Webinar please click on the following link:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/626056913>

The second webinar will be for Office of Migrant Education (OME) data. It will be held on January 16, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., EST. To register for the Webinar please click on the following link:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/252794720>

New! PSC Online Meeting with States for January

After a holiday hiatus, the PSC Monthly Online Meeting with States will return in January. The January meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 30, from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m., EST. After a brief update on PSC facts and figures, ED will provide additional information regarding the proposed EDFacts Collection of ESEA Flexibility Data.

ED encourages states to invite any additional staff who might benefit from additional details about the collection of Flexibility Data.

To register for this Webinar, please click on the following link:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/997831409>

Upcoming Due Dates and Reminder to Update SSP as Necessary

CSPR Part I Files (Due to ESS by December 19, 2012)

- C010 Public School Choice
- C043 Homeless Served (McKinney-Vento)
- C045 Immigrant
- C050 Title III LEP English Language Proficiency Results
- C063 Teacher Quality in Elementary Classes
- C064 Teacher Quality in Core Secondary Classes
- C067 Title III Teachers
- C103 Accountability
- C116 Title III LEP Students Served
- C118 Homeless Students Enrolled
- C121 Migrant Students Eligible - 12 Month
- C122 MEP Students Eligible and Served - Summer / Intersession
- C126 Title III Former LEP Students
- C128 Supplemental Educational Services
- C132 School End of SY Status
- C137 LEP English Language Proficiency Test
- C138 Title III LEP English Language Proficiency Test
- C139 LEP English Language Proficiency Results
- C141 LEP Enrolled
- C152 Corrective Actions
- C153 Restructuring Actions
- C164 PSC/SES Data
- C170 LEA Subgrant Status
- C175 Academic Achievement in Mathematics
- C178 Academic Achievement in Reading (Language Arts)

- C179 Academic Achievement in Science
- C185 Assessment Participation in Mathematics
- C188 Assessment Participation in Reading (Language Arts)
- C189 Assessment Participation in Science

IDEA Files (Due to ESS by December 19, 2012)

- C004 Children w/Disabilities (IDEA) Not Participating in Assessments
- C146 Children w/Disabilities (IDEA) Alternate Assessment Caps

CTE Files (Due to ESS by December 31, 2012)

- C082 CTE Concentrators Exiting
- C083 CTE Concentrators Graduates
- C142 CTE Concentrators Academic Achievement
- C154 CTE Concentrators Graduation Rate
- C155 CTE Participants in programs for Non-Traditional
- C156 CTE Concentrators in Programs For Non-Traditional
- C157 CTE Concentrators Technical Skills
- C158 CTE Concentrators Placement
- C169 CTE Type of Placement

Other (used for Performance Evaluation) (Due to ESS by December 31, 2012)

- C106 Elementary/Middle Additional Indicator
- C107 High School Graduation Rate Indicator
- C108 Mathematics Participation Status
- C109 AMO Mathematics Status
- C110 Reading/Language Arts Participation Status
- C111 AMO Reading/Language Arts Status

NOTE: When a state is granted an extension request to submit a specific file later than the due date, this does not mean that the due date itself has changed.

EDFacts System Status

This is to provide the current status of the EDFacts Submission System (ESS) data:

ESS Status (weekly statistics from Wednesday to Wednesday)

System Status: ESS system is up and running

Files Received: 1835

Files Processed: 1201 (120 superseded, 475 had errors)

Average File Processing Time: 5 minutes, 23 seconds (This processing time was due to a SQL Agent job which had interfered with file processing overnight on 12/11/2012. Processing was turned back on in the morning and no files were lost.)

Support Issues, Solutions, and Metrics

The following is provided to give you some insight into issues being handled by your Partner Support Center (PSC):

New Issues Affecting Multiple SEAs:

1. ESS – Multiple states have contacted PSC after receiving format error ER-6 for their XML file submissions. Status: PSC has escalated this issue to our technical team to investigate. If your state receives this format error, please contact PSC.

New or Updated Knowledgebase Articles

1. TIP 0090 Reporting SY 2011-12 Assessment Data for a State within an Approved Flexibility Request

Average Time to Resolution (excluding weekends, 6 week rolling average)

Tickets requiring escalation:	14.314 days
Tickets not requiring escalation:	0.912 days
Response time to e-mail inquiries:	0.04 hours

Thank you,
PSC

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For general feedback on PSC support, contact: [Joe Murphy](#)